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ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

A. General

1. During the 1987-1991 programming cycle UNDP assistance to national liberation movements has been concentrated mainly in four priority areas: (a) education and human resources development, for which 45 per cent of the available resources are allocated; (b) health services and health care infrastructure, with an allocation of 20 per cent; (c) development and planning, aid co-ordination and administration, with a share of 19 per cent; and (d) agriculture and food production, with an allocation of 9 per cent. There is a small allocation of 3 per cent of the indicative planning figure (IPF) for assistance in maintenance and repair services, and an unprogrammed reserve of 4 per cent.

2. The beneficiaries of UNDP assistance continued to be the same as those in previous years, namely, SWAPO, ANC and PAC. In April 1989, however, in the light of the forthcoming independence of Namibia and in accordance with the request of the Governing Council in its decision 89/30, the programme of assistance to SWAPO was scaled down; only projects of humanitarian assistance in educational and health services were continued on a limited basis.

3. Sixteen projects were operational under IPF funding for national liberation movements during 1989. Namibians were the beneficiaries in seven of the projects. ANC and PAC each had three projects and these projects benefited all three national liberation movements. The total commitments under IPF for national liberation movements amounted to $13.4 million.

4. The sectoral distribution of the projects continued to be the same as that in 1988. There were, however, changes in the numbers of projects and IPF allocations among the sectors. Following the winding down of most SWAPO projects, there remained seven projects in the education sector, with a total combined commitment of $7.0 million. At the same time, there were two projects in the planning and co-ordination sector, valued at $500,000; two in the health sector with a combined allocation of $3.1 million; and one in the agricultural sector with a budget of $900,000.

B. Joint assistance to all three liberation movements

5. During 1989, three projects were implemented for the three national liberation movements jointly. All three were executed by UNDP/OPS. The IPF funds allocated to the joint assistance projects amounted to $3.1 million. This figure is expected to decrease following the assessment of the impact of the withdrawal of SWAPO from the projects.

6. The project "Programming, monitoring and evaluation of assistance to national liberation movements" (NLM/86/001) continued to provide national liberation

movements with consultancies in the review of the programme. It further provided assistance for monitoring and administration of the projects at the field level. The total budget for this project amounted to $377,000.

7. The project "Training of health personnel of the national liberation movements" (NLM/86/002) provided for 105 students from national liberation movements with training in selected medical schools and institutions in the United Republic of Tanzania. During 1989, 20 students completed their studies successfully. The withdrawal of SWAPO students had a major impact on the output level of this project; only 28 new students began their studies in 1989.

8. Project NLM/87/001 is intended to finance the participation of one representative from each of the national liberation movements to the sessions of the Governing Council. In 1989, only the PAC representative took advantage of this project; SWAPO had voluntarily withdrawn. Funds allocated to this project amount to $116,000.

C. Assistance to the African National Congress

9. All three ongoing ANC projects support educational services for ANC students. They are executed by UNESCO and the total IPF allocation amounts to $4.2 million.

10. During 1989, the project "Post-secondary education and professional training" (ANC/86/002) assisted 27 ANC students in their studies in post-secondary academic and professional learning institutions in Africa. By the end of 1989, 16 students had successfully completed their studies. The UNDP contribution amounted to $430,000.

11. The project "Educational assistance to the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College" (ANC/86/003) provides financial support to teachers and students at this ANC central learning institution. The project assists both primary and secondary levels. Its main component is support to training, which constitutes more than half of the UNDP contribution of $2.5 million. The annual enrolment at the College is well over 1,000.

D. Assistance to the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania

12. The ongoing programme for PAC consists of one project in food production being executed by FAO; two projects in the education sector, executed by OPS; and one in health services, which is also being executed by OPS. The total UNDP commitment to the PAC programme amounts to $1.7 million.

13. The project "Assistance to food production at Masuguru" (PAC/86/001) continues to support the agricultural section of PAC at Masuguru-Kitonga in the United Republic of Tanzania. In addition to one expatriate general agriculturalist, the project employs one United Nations volunteer, who is a livestock production expert. It also supports two PAC agriculturalists and provides training to qualified PAC followers in farming and livestock management. The project aims at eventual self-sufficiency in staple and vegetable production and in livestock and small animal production for the PAC settlement. The total approved UNDP budget amounts to $950,000.

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14. The project "Assistance in post-secondary education and professional training" (PAC/86/002) supports 26 PAC students in advanced studies in African countries. Six students completed their studies successfully in 1989. The total approved UNDP contribution is $182,000.

15. The project "Assistance in primary and secondary education" (PAC/87/001) supports almost 100 PAC youths in their studies in established schools in five southern African countries where they live in asylum. The UNDP contribution amounts to $370,000.

E. Assistance to the South West Africa People's Organization

16. Assistance to SWAPO continued on a limited basis in the form of support to Namibian children in the ex-SWAPO settlements in Angola and Zambia. It has been agreed that education and health services will be provided until December 1990 to approximately 3,000 children. This assistance also covers financial support to the teachers and medical staff. The two projects for education being carried out by UNESCO had a combined budget of $275,000 for 1989. The UNDP/OPS health services project had an approved budget of $125,000 for 1989.